



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

October 31, 2000

H.R. 2941

**An act to establish the Las Cienegas National Conservation Area
in the state of Arizona**

As cleared by the Congress on October 27, 2000

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 2941 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. The act could affect direct spending (including offsetting receipts); therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply, but we estimate that any such impact would be less than \$500,000 in any given year.

H.R. 2941 would establish the Sonoita Valley Acquisition Planning District on 142,800 acres of land in Arizona and would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire, through purchase or exchange, nonfederal lands within its boundaries. Within the district, H.R. 2941 also would establish the Las Cienegas National Conservation Area on 42,000 acres of federal lands and would specify requirements for managing those lands. Subject to valid existing rights, H.R. 2941 would withdraw federal lands within the conservation area from mining and from mineral and geothermal leasing and development. Finally, H.R. 2941 would require the Secretary to report to the Congress on activities within the proposed planning district and conservation area.

Withdrawing lands within the proposed conservation area from mining and from mineral and geothermal leasing and development could result in forgone offsetting receipts from those lands if, under current law, the land would generate receipts from those activities. According to the Bureau of Land Management, however, those lands currently generate no significant receipts from such activities, and the agency does not expect them to generate significant receipts over the next 10 years. CBO estimates that any forgone receipts that might result under this provision would total less than \$500,000 a year.

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